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REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-4, 7-11, 13-15, 20, and 25 are pending.

II. Rejection of Claims under §103(a)

Claims 1-4, 7-11, 13-15, 20, and 25 were rejected as unpatentable over Ram *et al.* The Office Action maintains that substitution of the fluorine of compound #17 in Table 1 of Ram *et al.* with hydrogen would have been obvious to one of skill in the art.

Response

Applicants maintain that the unsubstituted benzyl derivative of A-3 as claimed is not obvious. However, to expedite the claims to allowance, Applicants have deleted "unsubstituted benzyl" from the independent claims. Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

III. Rejection of Claim 25 under §112, First Paragraph

The Office Action states that one of ordinary skill in the art would be burdened with undue experimentation to determine which of the many cancers would be treated by the claimed compounds, and which compounds would have antiviral activity as well as the viruses against which the claimed compounds would be effective.

Response

Claim 25 has been amended to recite carcinoma as the cancer and to delete reference to a viral infection. Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

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IV. Conclusion

It is believed that all matters of the Office Action have been addressed. Reconsideration and an early indication of the allowability of the claims are earnestly requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions that would expedite the prosecution of the present case to allowance, Applicants' undersigned representative earnestly requests a telephone conference at (512) 867-8528.

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